

**St. Peter Church  
Pastoral Council Meeting  
January 12, 2016  
Minutes of the Meeting**

**Present:**

Deidre Watson, President  
Art Angst, Pastoral Associate  
Steven Arms  
Kathleen Bissell  
Cristina Caro  
Regina Cuevas  
Maureen Geneste

**Absent:**

Rev. Jerome Foley, Pastor  
Sr. Hilda Sandoval, M.F.P.

**Opening Prayer**

Art led the Council in an opening prayer.

**Approval of Minutes**

A quorum being present, Deidre asked the Council to review and consider the minutes of the meetings held October 13 and November 10, 2015. The Council unanimously approved the minutes without discussion.

**Reports**

**Book Distribution:**

Steven presented an update on the successful distribution of Michael Kelly's "Rediscovering Catholicism" to parishioners during Christmas. It was decided that an order of 50 additional copies would be made to provide the books to new parishioners. Art reported that the book has prompted discussions within the community. It was recommended that a reminder to read the book be added to the bulletin. The overall cost was discussed as was the possibility of providing other books to parishioners in the future.

**Parish Survey:**

Art provided a status of the parish survey. Approximately 400–500 surveys were distributed and 150 were returned for review and analysis. Art said a preliminary review of the results suggests that a number of parishioners provided thoughtful and useful input. The survey remains available and on the parish website. Kathleen volunteered to work with the Ellen and Jackie to add a reminder to the bulletin that surveys can still be submitted for consideration.

Art updated the Council on the Year of Mercy booklets and reminded everyone that the Lenten books will be coming soon. Ash Wednesday will fall on February 10 this year.

### **St. Peter Website:**

Dale Smith, St. Peter Church's Web Master, joined the Council to discuss the changes made and benefits of the website. Several ideas for improvement to the site, including a more interactive scheduling process, use of photos and other improvements were considered. It was agreed that the website is a great tool for the parish. Dale reported that the site received approximately 600 'hits' per month and also encouraged use of the mobile app. We also discussed other ways the site could be useful, including a locale for placing order such as the labyrinth bricks and the use of a bulletin board specific to St. Peter Church.

### **Old Business**

#### **Forgive Our Debt Parties:**

The Council continued an earlier discussion regarding a luncheon event, to be held in the gym, to celebrate the successful Forgive Our Debt fundraising campaign. This party will be held for all St. Peter Parish. Art and Maureen agreed to work together to establish a date, engage the Men's Club. Further discussion regarding reimbursement for the Men's Club is needed.

Following the luncheon, as suggested by Fr. Foley during a previous meeting, a dinner will be held to thank those who contributed directly or through a group at the \$720 contributions level. Logistics on that party will be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting.

#### **St. Peter Church 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration:**

The Council agreed that it was time to pull together a team to work on the specifics, consider ideas and move forward to make the parish anniversary celebration a huge success. Deidre and Maureen will sent out email requests to a number of people to start the process. A tentative date of September 17, 2016 was decided.

### **Nuns for Fun - Bible Bingo:**

This fundraising idea has been discussed earlier and was raised again for discussion. Maureen indicated that the vendor is prepared to move forward. However, after further discussion, the Council agreed that it would be useful to look at a pilot “Bingo Night” similar to what had been in place previously. Cristina and Art offered insights into the pros (and cons) of the previous Bingo program. It was decided that inquiries to the Men’s Club (to run it) and to Fr. Foley would be a good first step. Art agreed to speak to Fr. Foley before we move forward.

### **New Business**

#### **New Headphones for Hearing Impaired:**

Maureen advised the Council that several parishioners have asked that new and more headphones be made available for parishioners. It was reported that the current system has poor quality. The Council agreed to further investigate the issue. Maureen will reach out to several parishioners and report back to the Council next month. Art did a demonstration of the current equipment and suggested that the issue may really be a need for additional equipment, not necessarily replacement equipment. Additional questions such as number of headphones needed, current equipment available (through the B&H catalog) and the potential costs were considered.

#### **Woman of St. Peter Parish:**

The Council considered the idea of establishing a group of women in the parish that would be willing to meet regularly and provide stewardship and support for the parish. Conceptually, the group would provide a renewed focus on support for the parish, fundraising ideas and stewardship. Many believe there is a good reason to establish a more formalized group and support process. It was agreed that the idea needed further discussion with Fr. Foley.

#### **City Council Meeting for Renter’s Rights:**

Deidre reported on a troubling situation in the apartment rental areas of Pacifica and expressed an interest in engaging St. Peter Church in advocacy for reform. It was agreed that this is a significant social justice issue in our city. Art and Kathleen added information on the

ongoing efforts of the SFOP/PIA group and the enormous efforts that group has done in support of affordable housing and petitions to city officials. Deidre will reach out to those parishioners who are engaged in this issue for guidance.

**Fundraising Activity / Parking Spaces:**

Kathleen reminded the Council that it has been some time since a raffle of the prime parking spaces has occurred. Maureen volunteered to look into what should be done to move this forward. It was suggested that there may not be enough time to make this happen within the next couple of weeks so the raffle may occur in early April. Art indicated that the changes to the sign are fairly easy to do.

**Call to Ministry : Volunteer Drivers / 9am Mass**

Maureen reported that Bob Bachecki is seeking 2 or 3 additional drivers who can provide a ride to church for parishioners for the 9am Mass. It was suggested that an item be placed in the bulletin.

**Closing Prayer**

Kathleen led the Council in a closing prayer.

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Council is scheduled for February 9, 2016.

Respectfully submitted, Kathleen Bissell